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**Red Line Passengers Urged to Seek Alternatives During SafeTrack Surges in August  
Surge #6 Begins August 1 and Will Affect the Entire Red Line;  
Surge #7 Begins August 9 with Greatest Impact at Shady Grove and Rockville**

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) first surges to affect the Red Line begin next week: Surge #6 takes place August 1 through 7 and Surge #7 will be in effect August 9 to 18. These surges, and especially Surge #6, are expected to cause major delays on the entire Red Line -- the Metrorail system's busiest line. Metro is urging commuters to find alternatives, particularly during weekday, peak travel hours.

Red Line trains will continuously single track between Takoma and Silver Spring from August 1- 7



- [Watch Video](#) from Metro about SafeTrack Surge 6.
- Visit webpage about [SafeTrack Surge 6 from Metro](#).
- Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/safetrack](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/safetrack) or [press release](#).
- 311 Call Center is extending its hours to **6 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Monday through Friday from August 1-18.

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***Cancelled***

**Poolesville Town Commissioners Meeting  
Monday, August 1**

<http://www.poolesvillemd.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=457>

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**County Council Activities**

On September 12, the Council's Committee on Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) is scheduled to discuss several zoning text amendments, two of which concern issues that have been of particular interest to Upcounty residents in the past:

ZTA 16-05, Telecommunications Towers - Limited Use [ZTA-16-05](#); and  
ZTA 16-06, Prohibited Signs - Public Rights of Way [ZTA-16-06](#).

Send your comments to the Council at [County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov) !

*The Council Agenda is subject to change any time after printing or during the Council meeting. Please contact the Council Office at 240-777-7900 or visit their website to obtain updates. [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council)*

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## Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Welcomes New Officers

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) recently elected new officers for this new fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017):

Chair                    Arthur Edmunds (Laytonsville);  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair       Mark Firley (Montgomery Village); and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair       David Rosenbaum (Germantown).

The board does not meet during the month of August but will resume their monthly meetings in September and the meeting schedule will be posted soon at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/ucab/BoardInfo.html>. Meeting agendas and summaries are also posted online throughout the year and announced in this newsletter. Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcomed.

UCAB members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, and serve three-year terms. Their purpose is to advise the Executive, Council, and the Regional Director on issues affecting the northern region of the County, as well as County-wide issues. Find their annual reports for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/ucab/BoardInfo.html>.

If you have any questions about the board, please contact [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).



*Left to right sitting: Darlene Kerr (Germantown); Tobi Printz-Platnick (Boys/Germantown); Arthur Edmunds (Laytonsville); Robert Nelson (Goshen); David Rosenbaum (Germantown);*

*Left to right standing: William Roberts (Gaithersburg); Dennis Barnes (Montgomery Village); Kevin Linck (Montgomery Village); Brian Donohue (Clarksburg); Mark Firley (Montgomery Village); Craig Walsleben (Damascus).*

### Not available when photo was taken:



**B. Scott Graham**  
(Comus/Ag Reserve)



**Mamady Kamara**  
(Gaithersburg/Germantown)



**Linda Moore**  
(Montgomery Village)



**Ian Weston**  
(North Potomac)



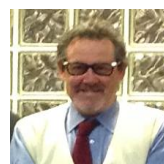
**Joel Yesley**  
(Gaithersburg)



**Daisha New**  
(Poolesville)



**Pat Seals**  
(North Potomac)



**James Wallace**  
(Gaithersburg)

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## Badges for Baseball Youth Program



Many thanks to Montgomery County's Police Department, Recreation Department, Fire & Rescue Services, and Park Police. This summer, 150 youths from Germantown, Damascus, Clarksburg and Gaithersburg learned leadership skills and had the experience of interacting with community leaders this summer. *Way to go everyone!*

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## *CollegeTracks is now Upcounty!* **Volunteers needed, please!**

Many qualified low-income high school graduates do not make it to and through college simply because they lack the support they need to navigate the complexities of higher education.

Figuring out which colleges are a good fit, how to apply to them, and how to pay for it all can be overwhelming. CollegeTracks, a program founded by three parents, helps students manage the challenges of the college experience so they persist, graduate and find a path that allows them to achieve independence, support families and give back to the community. CollegeTracks staff members work full-time in three Montgomery County high schools: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Wheaton, *and now Watkins Mill*, where they serve juniors and seniors.

To learn more, visit [www.collegetracksusa.org](http://www.collegetracksusa.org)

*The Upcounty Regional Office has partnered with CollegeTracks as part of our Upcounty efforts with the Positive Youth Development Initiative. Join us!*

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## **Road Resurfacing Project: Manor Ridge Neighborhood (Gaithersburg)**

A full-depth permanent patching and resurfacing project is scheduled to begin this month (July) in the Manor Ridge neighborhood (Gaithersburg area) and be completed in 6 to 8 weeks, weather permitting. All work will be scheduled between 7:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. The project will require "No Parking" restrictions within the construction zone and the signs will be updated daily. Access to homes will be available at all times, however minor delays may occur as workers manually direct traffic safely through the construction area. Traffic will be restricted from driving on the micro surfacing material until it is fully cured, usually 3-4 hours. If you have questions, please contact:

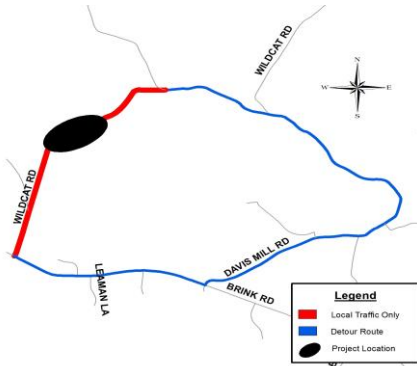
James Schools-Bey, Project Manager at 240-777-7630 or [james.schools-bey@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:james.schools-bey@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Road Closure for Resurfacing Project: Wildcat Road (Cedar Grove)

Montgomery County's Highway Services started a major project in June to replace existing storm drain culvert infrastructure and this work has required the closure of sections of Wildcat Road in the Cedar Grove area. Four failing storm drain culverts will be replaced by concrete pipe culverts. The work is expected to be completed in three (3) months, weather permitting. A detour is marked along Brink Road and Davis Mill Road. Only local traffic will be allowed on Wildcat Road.

Questions should be directed to John Faust, Public Outreach Manager, at 240-777-7642.



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## Montgomery County Recognized for Performance Management Excellence

Montgomery County Government has earned a fourth consecutive Certificate of Excellence from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Performance Analytics. The certificate is being awarded for the County's performance management efforts.

ICMA assesses a local government's performance management program and encourages analysis of results by comparing to peers and gauging performance over time. Performance management aids in cost reduction, program prioritization, and quality improvement. It also encourages accountability and transparency. Certificates are awarded at the levels of Achievement, Distinction, and Excellence. Of the 52 jurisdictions honored overall, Montgomery County is among 34 jurisdictions receiving the Certificate of Excellence – the highest level awarded.

Learn more at [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=16241](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16241)

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## New Initiative for Respect the Space Campaign Seeks to Make Disability Parking Signs Compliant with Maryland ADA Laws

During the anniversary month of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Montgomery County's continuing "Respect the Space" campaign has launched a new initiative to help ensure that the signage for disability parking spaces in Montgomery County complies with the State of Maryland's Accessibility Code adopted under the Public Safety Code.

The first step in meeting this goal is to ensure that parking lot managers know their legal obligations. All parking lot managers are encouraged to review the legal standards, and then take the necessary actions to make their parking lot signs compliant.

Parking lot owners and companies that stripe parking lots in Maryland must comply with the Maryland Accessibility Code adopted under 12-202 of the Public Safety Code. ADA-compliant information is provided on the County's Department of General Services ADA Accessible Parking page at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dgs-ada/AccessibleParking.html>.

Get more details and specific requirements at [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=16244](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16244)

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**Animal Services Officers Enforcing Anti-Cruelty Conditions for Dogs Law;  
No Unattended Outdoor Tethering of Dogs During Extreme Hot Weather**

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=16238](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16238)

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**Don't forget National Night Out!  
August 2**

To see a list of communities that have provided their respective itinerary of events as of 7/28/16, visit  
<http://www.mymcpnews.com/2016/07/22/2016-national-night-out-events>

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*For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:* <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.aspx?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.aspx?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>